Snit Filed at Greencastle by Rock Island Contractors Who Built a Branch in Putnam County-Sudden Death in a Church.

INDIANA.

Suit Against the Monon for Over \$700,000 for Alleged Breach of Contract.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. GREENCASTLE, Oct 30 .- E. P. Reynolds & Co., of Rock Island, Ill., have brought suit for over \$700,000 against the Monon Railway Company for breach of contract. The case is docketed for trial at the November term of the Putnam Circuit Court. The plaintiffs are railway builders, and are seeking to recover for work done in the construction and partial completion of the branch railway between Bainbridge, Putnam county, and Carbon, Clay county. The road was completed from Carbon to Mansfield, a distance of ten and three-fourths miles, and the residue of the line from the latter point to Bainbridge, on the Monon road, remains only partially completed. It was known as the Fort Wayne, Terre Haute & Southwestern railway, and the company was organized about three years ago. Afterward Dr. Breyfogle, as president of the Monon company, and his associate directors, entered into contract to acquire and operate the road as a feeder to the Monon in anticipation of an increase of traffic, and to get coal for their own use in Clay county. The complaint also alleges that they entered into contract for the payment of bonds to the amount of \$25,000 a mile, to be issued by the Fort Wayne & Southwestern company, to the contractors or plaintiffs for building the road. It will be remembered that Dr. Brevfogle went out of office, and the new board of directors repudiated the contract. The plaintiffs also claim to have invested \$98,000 in purchasing and developing stone quarries and coal deposits on faith of contract, and they allege that, in consequence of the non-completion of the road, said in-vestments were rendered valueless.

Injured in a Gas Explosion, Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

ANDERSON, Oct. 30 .- Anderson is becoming noted for gas explosions. Another serious accident of this nature occurred at 10 o'clock this morning. This time it was the artificial, instead of the natural, fluid. While making pipe connections at the Anderson artificial gas-works considerable gas escaped. It was ignited in some manner, and an explosion fol-lowed. Superintendent John Ewing had a part of his clothing burned of him. His assistant, Jacob DeLawter, was still more unfortunate. His face and hands were blistered and his clothing partly burned. The fire department was called out and extinguished the blaze. The damage was slight. The injured were all resting easily, but their wounds are such as to confine them to their beds for several

Help for Homestead Strikers.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. ANDERSON, Oct. 30 .- A mass-meeting of the labor unions of this city was held this afternoon. They were addressed by John Galligher, vicepresident of the eighth district Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel-workers, upon the Homestead situation. Tom Hanly, vice-president of this district, was also present and addressed the crowd, which numbered about three hundred. The call for assistance was answered promptly, and a purse of about \$150 was raised in a few minutes. Benefit days will be given by the laborers in the various fac-tories, when all the wages for the day will be contributed to the strikers. Galligher left for Pendleton, where he will address the union men. A mass-meeting is called in Muncie for to-morrow night.

Successful Catholic Fair. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

RUSHVILLE, Oct. 30 .- The Catholic fair, at the opera-house, closed last night. The attendance has been very good, and about \$1,500 cleared which goes toward the new church which will be commenced next summer. F. J. Meyers, of Indianapolis, drew the fifty bushels of wheat; P. J. Galvin, same place, the diamond ring; W. H. Ward, Hamilton, O., suit of clothes; Miss Shea, of New Albany, the book-case. The Uniform Rank Father Mathew, of Connersville, was in attendance last night. To-day Bishop Chatard, of Indianapolis, is in charge, in the confirmation of a number of

Died in Church. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

TERRE HAUTE, Oct. 30 .- John W. Aaron. marble polisher, aged about seventy years, died from heart disease in the United Brethren Church this morning. He had removed his overcoat and hat and sat down just before services were opened, when he was seen to rest his head on the back of a chair. He raised his head with difficulty, and by the time those near him came within reach he was dead. He had been feeble for some months. The coroner returned a ver-dict of death from heart disease.

Suit for Infringement of Patent. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MUNCIE, Oct. 30.-R. M. Ball, Muncie's wellknown washing-machine manufacturer, has filed suit in the federal court, asking for \$1,000,000 damages from W. N. Neff, the Cowan manufacturer. A suit has also been filed in the Delaware county court, asking that Neff be restrained from further manufacturing his machine. It is alleged in the complaint that Neff's machine is an infringement on Ball's patent.

Midnight Blaze.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. Madison, Oct. 30 .- Fire at midnight damaged Jacob Eberle's mill \$2,000 and C. D. Scott's grocery \$500. Mr. Scott was fully insured, but Mr. Eberle carried none. The building, which is owned by the Fitch heirs, was insured for \$2,000.

Frank Able, a Monon brakeman, had a hand cut off last Saturday at Ladoga.

Ex-sheriff of Howard county Luther McRey-nolds died at his home in Kokomo Friday. Friday night William Moffett dropped dead from heart disease at his home near Yorktown, Mrs. Nannie L. Ross, of Kokomo, is the dele-gate to the Relief Corps convention at Indianapolis next year.

Another gushing gas well has just been com-pleted near Muncie, to be used by the nut and bolt works, a new department of the Indiana

ILLINOIS.

Unprecedented Activity Among Peoria Distillers-Increasing the Output.

PEORIA, Ill., Oct. 30.-There has been al most unprecedented activity recently among the distilleries, which form the principal business interest of Peoria. The large receipts of corn have gradually depressed the price of corn until it is now selling at about 40 cents a bushel, fully one-third less than last spring. The distillers are taking advantage of the low price of grain to merease the output of their plants to a very large capacity. The officers of the Whisky Trust report that they have not only increased their output largely, but have also started up some of the Cincinnati distilleries which have been idle for some time past, and the Calu-met distillery at New South Chicago has also seen largely increased, and the officers of the trust company contemplate resuming operations in other idle plants at Chicago. They believe the market will absorb all of the increase readily, as the demand for whisky has been very active for some time past. The increased production has enabled the trust to feed forty thousand head of cattle this fall, against 25,000 head last

Brief Mention.

The Baptist Young People's Union of Illinois held its first annual meeting at Peoria. John McWilliams, of Ottawa, was poisoned by strychnine in his tea and his wife, together with her friend Frank Benort, are under arrest.

George Ruth, a farm-hand, is in jail at Dan-ville for an assault on Miss Neille Henderson, daughter of a wealthy banker at Rossville. Otto Bach, while repairing an elevator at Peoria, had the machine start up on him and his arm was caught in the cable and torn off at the

The Illinois Auditor of State has revoked the license of the Ohio Farmers' Insurance Company o do business in Illinois because its net surplus

valley, near Galesburg, for the purpose establishing a huge brick-making establishme

LITERATURE OF THE DAY.

[From the Bowen-Merrill Co., Indianapolis.]

The International Theological Library, edited by Rev. Drs. Briggs and Salmond, is designed to cover the whole field of Christian theology in a series of works by wellknown specialists in the different departments of theology. Each volume is complete in itself, while, at the same time, forming part of a carefully-planned whole, covering, as far as practicable, the entire field of modern theological science. One of the editors is to prepare a theological encyclopedia which will give the history and literature of each department, as well as of theology as a whole, Quite a number of volumes in the series have already been arranged for, and the second of the series is now published. It is "Christian Ethics," by Rev. Newman Smyth, D. D., pastor of the First Congregational Church, New Haven, Conn. The subject is discussed in an able and exhaustive manner, and the work will be found valuable to all who are interested in the study of theology. Cloth, \$2.50. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons.

"Beric the Briton," by G. A. Hurty, 18 a story for boys, the scene of which is laid in England in the time of the Roman invasion. The valor with which the natives of England defended themselves was acknowledged by the Roman historians, and it was only the superior discipline of the invaders that enabled them finally to triuph over the bravery and superior physical strength of the Britons. The incidents of the Roman invasion were very interesting and its results of yast importance. The author of this work is noted for his thorough knowledge of the history of that period, and he has made good use of it. As an historical story it is interesting and in-structive. Illustrated. Cloth, \$1.50. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons.

An interesting book of travel is "Spanish Cities, with Glimpses of Gibraltar and Tangier," by Charles A. Steddard, editor of the New York Observer. Spain has not been quite as much written about as most other European countries, and one car read with real interest the descriptions of its local attractions. The author of this work vis-ited all the principal cities and large towns in Spain, and furnishes an interesting narrative of travel and sight-seeing. The work is handsomely illustrated. Cloth \$1.50. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons.

Saint Pierre's sad but beautiful story of "Paul and Virginia" is published by Thomas Y. Crowell & Co., New York, in their series of "Handy Volume Classics." The work needs no introduction. All the volumes of the series are handy in size, carefully printed on good paper, and bound in faultless style. Each volume is illustrated with a frontispiece and title-page, in photogravure, and most of the volumes have numerous additional illustrations by the best artists. This edition of "Paul and Virginia" is a gem.

"The Duchess of Berry and the Court of Louis XVIII." is a continuation of the "Famous Women of the French Court" series, by Imbert de Saint-Amand. This is the thirteenth volume of the series, and will be followed by two others on the Duchess of Berry and her times. The author has an attractive style and invests his subject with great interest, throwing an indescribable charm around subjects which appear dry in the hands of other writers. Each volume has a portrait. Cloth, \$1.25.

"Pictures from Roman Life and Story," by Rev. A. J. Church, contains a series of sketches of Roman life and character as they appear in ancient history, illuminated by modern literature. There are thirty-six chapters in the book, and each one represents a separate and distinct passage or character in Roman history. The work is particularly well adapted to interest young readers, though all students of Roman history will find it interesting and instructive. Illustrated. New York: D. Appleton &

"Americanisms and Britishisms," by Brander Matthews, contains several essays on the lines indicated by the title. The author is well qualified to treat the subect, and he does it in an interesting way. The peculiarities of English and American spelling, and the linguistic idioms prevalent in the two countries are well brought out. The volume also contains two or three short literary essays which are bright and readable. New York: Harper & Brothers.

"Theories of Protection." by Daniel Strange, is a plausible argument in favor free trade. The author is, or professes to be, a farmer, and a good part of his argument is made from that stand-point. He is evidently in earnest, and while the book is somewhat scattering it is not lacking in vigor. The work is published in "Questions of the Day" series by G. P. Putnam's Sons. Cloth. \$1.25.

"The Clocks of Rondaine and Other Stories" is the title of a collection of stories by Frank R. Stockton. Besides the one named in the title there are six other stories of about the same length. They are for children, but can be read with pleasure by adults. The volume is liberally illustrated and handsomely bound. Cloth, \$1.50. New York: Charles Scribner's Son

"Mr. Fortner's Marital Claims" is the title given to a volume of short stories by Richard Malcolm Johnston. There are five stories in the volume, some of which have been printed in different periodicals. "Mr. Fortner's Maritel Claims" appears now for the first time. All the stories are bright and original. New York: D. Appleton &

"Taxation and Work," by Edward Atkinson, discusses some phases of the tariff tax and wages question from the stand point of free trade. The question of municipal taxation is also discussed, and a few chapters are devoted to the silver question. Cloth, \$1.25. New York: G. P.

Putnam's Sons. "Adventures of Sherlock Holmes." by A Conan Doyle, is a strongly-written novel with a plot which has sufficient mystery to hold the close attention of the reader. The story has a spirited movement and sat-isfactory ending. It is issued in cloth cov-ers, with illustrations by Harper Brothers

"Cancemates, a Story of the Florida Reef and Everglades," by Kirk Munroe, is a book for young people. The anthor has acquired popularity with this class by his works entitled "The Flamingo Festher." "Campmates." etc. "Canonemates" is a good story. Illustrated. Harper & Bros.

"Green Pastures and Pseadilly," by Will 1am Black, is published by Harper & Bros. in uniform style with other works by the same author. This is a new and revised edition, being the ninth of the series already issued, with sixteen more to follow.

"My Uncle Benjamin," a novel by Claude Tillier. Published in Idle Moments series. Paper, 50 cents. St. Paul: The Price-Mc-Gill Company. "Sweet Danger," a novel by Ella Wheeler Wilcox. Illustrated. Paper, 50 cents. Chicago: F. T. Neely.

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Life in Paris.

Theodore Child, in Harper's Magazine. On the boulevard, with its newspapers, its book stores, its theaters, its cafes, its politicians, its financiers, its wite, its celebrities, its adventurers and all the kaleidoscopic movement of men and things that animate it from morning until morning comes again, one appreciates that quality of modernity which characterizes Paris A syndicate of Chicago capitalists has bought above all other cities. In other capitals twenty-five acres of clay shale in Court Creek where the fortunes of a nomad existence

and a moderate gift of tongues have enabled me to live and comprehend the local life, I have never found anything equiva-lent to the life of the boulevard, which is the quintessence of the life of Paris. For the peculiarity of Paris is that it is being constantly renewed; it is not oppressed by history or hampered by an obtrusive past. There is an old Paris, it is true; one sees it and loves it; but it is so discreet that one has to seek it out. The present alone predominates. The vapory regions of souvenir and of presentiment are not willingly frequented by those who speak the French of Paris and who live in the brilliant sunshine of living Paris a life of intensity and ardor, here and now, upon the principle that life is the end of life.

IN A BUFFALO PUBLIC SCHOOL-ROOM, How the Young Idea Is Taught to Shoot in Cieveland's Old Home,

Dr. J. M. Rice; in November Forum. In the sixth grade the subject of the lesson was California. During this recitation no text-book was used by the teacher. The teacher opened the lesson with the question. "How long does it take to go to California?" Then correcting herself, she said, "No, tell me first why you would like to go to California," though no one had expressed any particular desire to go there.
"I should like to take a drive around the mountains," answered one of the children. "I should like to see the Golden Gate,"

said another. This answer was followed by a cry of "chestnuts" from one of the boys. This remark did not, however, attract the attention of the teacher. In fact, during the entire lesson there was a complete absence of

After the children had given their reasons for desiring to go to California, the teacher remarked: "Now tell me how long it takes to go there." It reply to this all sorts of guesses were made, the lowest being five days and the

highest seven weeks. At last a little girl said: "I know. My mamma went to California last winter. She started on a Thursday evening-" This manner of solving the problem did

not, however, appear to meet with unani-mous approval, as the child's remarks were cut short by a cry of "Come off." Unfortunately, to the teacher herself, the whole subject of California appeared to be involved in as deep a mystery as the language of the Hindoos. Indeed, the children appeared to do more toward the enlightenment of the teacher than the latter did to enlighten them. Nevertheless, she finally put an end to the agonizing suspense by saying, "I think it would take about a week."

"Through what cities would you pass in traveling from Buffalo to California?" was the next question. hicago," said one of the children.

"Let me see." the teacher remarked, as she walked to the wall map to verify the answer. When other cities were mentioned she did the same thing. "What can you tell me about San Fran-cisco?" she asked later. "It is the largest

city in California," a pupil replied.
"It is one of the largest, but I don't know that it is the largest," said the This ridiculous recitation was closed with the reading of an extract from an article on California which one of the chil-

dren had found in an encyclopædia. The "Snolligoster." Springfield Republican.

What "snolligoster" means none of the leading dictionaries can inform us, but Colonel Ham, of Georgia, in his campaign speeches, finds it a very expressive name to apply to the man who supports the Peo-

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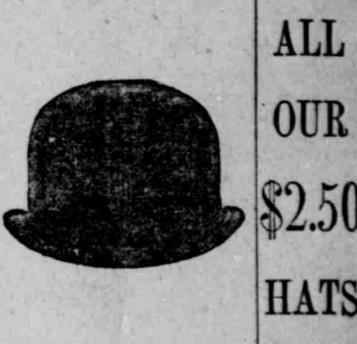
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